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## CHARITY VS. VANITY.

Vanity seems to be a failing and a weakness amongst a certain class of people, particularly those who should be charitably inclined to deserving persons, and especially when a person is willing to labor, or give return for what he or she may earn and thus avoid being a burden upon the charity of others. A case in point has been hinted to us and we are more than surprised to learn that those, who are vain, are among our upper crust, missionary as well as others of the 400 and most of whom are not in need of charity, but are the ones to frustrate the plans of a worthy person who is poor, but willing to render service in order to earn something, and, may be, obtain a pittance at that.

Our information is that, a certain deserving person who is poor, but is competent and capable of gaining a certain professional career whereby some good may come in the future, wished to do something that would be of probable benefit by presenting a musical production. This person needing help badly, being of course poor, made an attempt, but was foiled by certain others of the same sex, of the missionary and well-to-do class. What this person wanted to do, as soon as it was noised about and the others got wind of it, they induced the first party to drop any attempt at producing the play and then they took up the very identical idea. Most of those who took part in the performance were amateurs, there being two or three professionals, the leading lady being one of them. The production has been played thrice; twice to raise sufficient for the costuming and once for "the sake of sweet charity," always an appeal for assistance.

But of that deserving person, a poor woman, what of her? She was

induced to drop it and to forego all her plans for the future. The very glorious lot were of the class alleged Christians, but the act they did was most unkind, uncharitable and un-Christian. That poor person was compelled by force of circumstances to give way to these more affluent parties to the detriment and, mayhap, sorrow of a most worthy and deserving person. They disregarded the saying that "charity begins at home" to get the best of them.

They had no sooner sidetracked this poor woman, than they set to work to carry out their scheme, and it was successful too. Out of three performances given, two were for themselves and one for "charity." Of course, it is always "self" first, as in this instance, others in the "sweet by and bye," these society folk believing in the saying that "charity begins at home." However, in this case, the home charity was not a necessity with this lot; the more needy ones needed the charity better than those, as an assistance, yet was very willing to work for it, and not beg and be a charge upon the charity of the community.

## THAT "KIDDISH EXCUSE."

As a continuation to our article of yesterday, entitled "A Kiddish Lot," we have further information to give in reference to the evasion of legislative examinations. The Board of Health, by its president, Dr Cooper, having courted an investigation, the reason given on the floor of the House, (in the resolution offered by Representative Harris to refer the matter to the Public Health committee, and the oral answer given by Mr Harris, when asked why practicing physicians could not come), seems to be not borne out by facts.

If Dr Cooper, the new President of the Board of Health, could attend a demonstration of psychic phenomena by Dr McIvor-Tyndall at the Hawaiian Opera House, as he did last night, and was one of the committee of gentlemen on the stage and a very good subject for the concentration and conveyance of thought, we utterly fail to see any reason why he could not attend an open meeting of the House, granted upon his own request.

An excuse might be made that he attended the demonstration as a private citizen, and not as one of the three practicing physicians composing the majority of the Board, not as an official of this Territory by commission of its Executive. If he could attend a demonstration for his own personal gratification, why could he not attend an investigation he courted to satisfy and vindicate his official standing? It seems that the game is purely an evasion of the people's rights, which the House should have never lent itself to and become a party to such actions; and besides, instead of the Board being blamed, the House bears the onus.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

"Secretary" or "Clerk," which shall the proper title be of the Senate official who has charge of keeping its minutes, records, accounts, compiles the journal, and is expected to do every other clerical work for that body. Edgar Caypole, at the last session, was perfectly content to call himself "clerk," and

Wm. Savidge, during the special and regular sessions, prefers to be known as the "secretary," a more high sounding and high sounding title. But pray, what's the difference? Either one conveys the idea of the office, unless one is too common and may probably convey the idea of being a menial as the other is higher sounding and more properly fitted. But either one is proper, that is, according to our view, and either one goes, as far as we are concerned, which we consider immaterial, as long as the work is done. By the by, the Committee on Accounts yesterday reported against any extra pay to the clerk for compiling and preparing the journal. Awfully mean lot, these aristocrats, who want to force all the work out of a man without paying for it. In other States and Territorial Legislatures, there is a "Journal Clerk," whose duty is to take charge of the compiling, preparation and printing of the daily record of business for transmission to National headquarters at Washington, besides many other clerical assistants. But with us here, the Senators are trying to economize. We think they are acting "penny wise and pound foolish." Such a course is expensive in the long run.

## Hawaii News.

(FROM THE HILO TRIBUNE.)

The devotees of athletic sport at Papaikou have just completed a tennis court and will soon be ready to meet all comers. There is a talk of forming a league with teams from Hilo and various points as far as Papaikou.

The storm of the past week made Hilo harbor a place of refuge for the Island steamers. For several days shelter was found here by four schooners and the following steamers: Noeau, Hawaii, Kaiulani, Helena and Maui.

Rev Sidney H Morgan in charge of St James Mission, Hilo, will hold his first service on Sunday morning, the first Sunday in Lent, at 10 o'clock at the Hilo Hotel. There will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist with sermon.

Nathan P Plunkett, once a resident at Hilo and well-known on the Island was among the 1500 people who lost their lives in a destructive tidal wave which swept the Pearl Islands in the South Pacific in January. The group that was almost totally submerged lies 500 miles east of Tahiti.

The plans for the new building at Hilo Boarding School are gradually assuming shape under the architects supervision. Preliminary work on the grounds is already being done. The old building erected in 1858, which has served its purpose for forty-seven years was moved back during the Christmas vacation to a point about one hundred feet in the rear of the original site. Here it will continue to be used for classroom purposes until the new building is completed. After which the plan is to use it for a workshop for the manual training department.

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